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SUBJECT: ECE - POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT

REF: GENEVA 5846

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF LETTERS DATED 6 JULY 1977
AND 7 JULY 1977, RESPECTIVELY, FROM FINNISH AND SWEDISH
PERM REPS GENEVA TO ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK
IN RESPONSE TO STANOVNIK'S LETTER OF 9 MAY 1977 ON QUESTION
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OF POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON PROTECTION OF THE
ENVIRONMENT.
2. FINNISH LETTER REFERS TO PRIOR LETTERS DATED
11 NOVEMBER 1976 AND 17 MARCH 1977, WHERE VIEWS OF FINNISH
GOVERNMENT WERE SET FORTH IN DETAIL (76 GENEVA 9196
AND GENEVA 2088). LETTER RECALLS THAT IN SECOND LETTER
FOUR THEMESE WERE SUGGESTED FOR POSSIBLE HIGH LEVEL

MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT (1) PROBLEMS OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION, (2) COORDINATION OF EFFORTS FOR PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, (3) HARMONIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS, AND (4) CONTROL OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES. LETTER STATES THAT GOF CONSIDERS AFORESAID THEMES TO BE TOPICAL AND IN LINE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN ECE RESOLUTION 1 (XXXII).

3. SWEDISH LETTER RECALLS, WITH REFERENCE TO SWEDISH GOVERNMENT LETTER OF 1 APRIL 1977 (GENEVA 2500), PROPOSAL BY NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH DELEGATIONS AT FIFTH SESSION OF SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS RE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTANTS; E.E., DISCUSSIONS WITHIN ECE FRAMEWORK ON MEASURES FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS (GENEVA 1540 AND 1541). LETTER AGAIN CITES NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE AND OTHER AIR BORNE POLLUTANTS AND STATES THAT "THIS MATTER IS AN URGENT TOPIC WHICH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WOULD SUGGEST BE CONSIDERED AT A FORTHCOMING HIGH LEVEL MEETING."

4. SWEDISH LETTER ALSO RECALLS THAT GOS HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED THAT CONTROL OF PRODUCTS HAZARDOUS TO HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT IS A SUITABLE TOPIC FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL CONTROL OF TRADE IN SUCH PRODUCTS AND SUGGESTS THAT "THIS TOPIC MIGHT THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED FOR A HIGH LEVEL MEETING". COMMENT: DIFFERENCE IN LANGUAGE IN QUOTES REFLECTS SCANDINAVIAN VIEW THAT PROBLEMS OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (ESPECIALLY EMISSION CONTROLS) MUST BE CONSIDERED AT A HIGH LEVEL MEETING BUT THAT A SECOND TOPIC SHOULD BE FOUND IF POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAKE SUCH ACTION MORE ACCEPTABLE TO USSR. END COMMENT.

5 SWEDISH LETTER EXPRESSES HOPE THAT SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS WILL AGREE ON SELECTION OF ONE OR MORE TOPICS FOR FURTHER DETAILED ANALYSIS AND SUGGESTS THAT "OPEN-MINDED" TASK FORCES BE ESTABLISHED FOR EACH TOPIC TO ASSIST ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN CARRYING OUT ANALYSIS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION 1 (XXXII).

6. SWEDISH LETTER ALSO WELCOMES FACT THAT "CONSIDERATION OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN THE REGION" IS INCLUDED AS AN ITEM IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIVE MEETING, THEREBY AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLLOW-UP ON ECE DECISION C(XXXII) ON SELECTED TOPICS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION.

7. COPIES OF FINNISH AND SWEDISH LETTERS TRANSMITTED BY
AIR POUCH TO IO/IEP KAHN AND EUR/RPE SWARTZ.
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